

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  RURAL IOWA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION AND IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION; ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS, L.C., ET AL.; AND COON VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL.	DOCKET NOS. SPU-04-3 SPU-04-5 SPU-04-6
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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND ESTABLISHING  
MODIFIED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued May 11, 2004)

On May 3, 2004, Alpine Communications, L.C., et al. (Alpine Companies), and Coon Valley Cooperative Telephone Association, Inc., et al. (Coon Valley Companies), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint request to modify the procedural schedule established in this docket by Board order issued April 23, 2004.

In support of their request, the parties state that they will be unable to complete the direct testimony of one of their expert witnesses by May 17, 2004, as requested, due to a scheduling conflict that preceded the Board's April 23, 2004, order. The parties suggest a proposed extension for the submission of direct testimony to May 31, 2004. The parties also suggest a two-week modification to the established deadlines for rebuttal testimony.

The Board has reviewed the parties' joint request and finds that it is reasonable. The procedural schedule previously established in this docket is vacated and a modified procedural schedule will be established.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The joint request to modify the procedural schedule in Docket Nos. SPU-04-3, SPU-04-5, and SPU-04-6, filed by Alpine Communications, L.C., et al., and Coon Valley Cooperative Telephone Association, Inc., et al., on May 3, 2004, is granted.

2. The following modified procedural schedule is established for this proceeding:

a. Petitioners shall file prepared direct testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before June 1, 2004.

b. Objectors shall file any prepared rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before June 28, 2004.

c. Petitioners may file any prepared rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before July 14, 2004.

d. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 10 a.m. on August 10, 2004, in the Board's hearing room at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties shall appear at the hearing one-half hour prior to the time of hearing to mark exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to

observe or participate should contact the Board at 515-281-5256 to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

e. Any party desiring to file a brief may do so on or before September 3, 2004.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.